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SUBJECT: PLO LEADER FORCASTS ARAB CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL FROM  
UNGA

1. IN BEIRUT DAILY STAR INTERVIEW CARRIED JUNE 27, PLO  
POLITITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD FAROUK QADDOUMI (ABU LUTF)  
DECLARED THAT ARAB STATES WOULD SHORTLY LAUNCH CAMPAIGN  
FOR QUOTE SUSPENSION UNQUOTE OF ISRAEL FORM UNGA QUOTE  
REGARDLESS OF U.S. PRESSURE UNQUTE. HE SAID ARAB LEAGUE  
WOULD TAKE QUOTE FINAL DECISION UNQUOTE ON CAMPAIGN QUOTE  
IN ABOUT TWO WEEK'S TIME UNQUOTE.

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2. COMMENTING ON STATEMENT, ATTRIBUTED TO U/S SISCO, THAT U.S. WOULD WITHDRAW FROM UN IF ISREAL WERE SUSPENDED, QADDOUMI RETORTED THAT HE DID NOT CARE WHAT AMERICA DID. HE SAID U.S. AND BRITAIN MUST STOP ACTING AS WORLD POLICEMEN. IF U.S. WITHDREW FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM UN, HE ADDED, IT WOULD NOT BE SERIOUS SINCE ARABS COULD MAKE UP DIFFERENCE. HE LIKewise DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY OF BACKLASH REACTION FROM COUNTRIES AIDED BY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, ASSERTING: QUOTE FOOD AID TO SUCH NATIONS IS MERELY A METHOD OF PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM TURNING TO REVOLUTION UNQUOTE. WITH REGARD TO UNRWA, HE SAID ARAB MONEY COULD REPLACE U.S. CONTRIBUTION, ALTHOUGH ARABS QUOTE WOULD OPT TO BUY PALESTINIANS MORE GUNS THAN FOOD UNQUOTE.

3. TURNING TO UNGA VOTE PROSPECTS, QADDOUMI ANTICIPATED ACHIEVING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, WITH SUPPORT FROM ISLAMIC, AFRICAN, THIRD WORLD, NON-ALIGNED AND SOME BUT NOT ALL SOCIALIST STATES. HE EXPRESSED HOPE OF SOVIET SUPPORT, INDICATING THAT PLO OFFICIAL MIGHT GO TO MOSCOW IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISSCUSS MATTER WITH RUSSIANS

4. ON INTER-ARAB SCENE, HE REJECTED QUOTE CURRENT FOREIGN INTERPRETATIONS UNQUOTE THAT PLO WAS BEING FROZEN OUT OF LATEST ARAB MANEUVERS. HE EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN BOTH SYRIANS AND LIBYANS, ADDING THAT EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO LIBYA, WHICH HE TERMS EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ARAB SOLIDARITY. HE DESCRIBED CURRENT MANEUVER BY QADDAFI AGAINST SADAT (QUOTE INVOLVING PERSONAL MATTERS, NOT POLICY UNQUOTE) ADDING THAT PLO CONTINUED TO REGARD QADDAFI AS QUOTE RELIABLE ALLY UNQUOTE EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS.

5. ASKED ABOUT CURRENT U.S. REASSESSMENT OF ME POLICY QADDOUMI FORESAW NOTHING IN IT FOR ARABS. HE CONTENTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD(QUOTE NOT EVEN AN ELECTED PRESIDENT UNQUOTE) AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY REAL REASSESSMENT BECAUSE OF VERY SERIOUS SPLIT BETWEEN CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE. HE SAW NO PROSPECTS OF MEANINGFUL U.S. REASSESSMENT UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WHEN, HE SAID CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE CHANGED IN ME BECAUSE ARABS

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WERE NOT GOING TO WAIT UNTIL 1976 OR LATER.

6. COMMENTS: WE NOTE BAGHDAD INA (FBIS JN261518Z) CARRIED PARALLEL QADDOUMI STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT PLO HAD BEGUN CONTACTING ARAB AND FRIENDLY STATES TO PROMOTE COORDINATED CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL AT UPCOMING UNGA. ACCORDING TO INA TEXT, QADDOUMI STATED TOPIC WOULD BE BROACHED AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN FIRST

HALF OF JULY AT JIDDA.

7. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ALLEGED SISCO STATEMENT HAS AROUSED LOCAL  
INTEREST (INCLUDING NON-PALESTINIANS), REQUEST DEPT. PROVIDE US  
WITH TEXT.  
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